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Y.M.C.A.

ON ACTIVE SERVICE
WITH THE
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

July 21 1918

France

Dear Mr. & Mrs Robinson

Just a few words from Willard (who by this time is billeted in a little village in France.

Today is Sunday, and a beautiful day it is. It hardly seems possible even in this peaceful village, not so many, many miles from here that this terrible war is being fought. God grant it will soon cease, is the prayer of all of us.

There are lots I would like to tell you, but it is forbidden. I am well though, and still sing. off and on, but there is one thing I miss, and that is my church singing.

How are my friends in the

choir. When I left home I had all their addresses, but during my long wanderings I have lost them. Will you please send me a list, so I may write them (when paper and envelopes get plentiful). In this village nothing at all can be bought, only cheese & bread.

I hope you are well folks, - write me soon for I would certainly be glad to hear from you. Give my kindest regards to the choir, and also my friends in the church.

Very Sincerely
W. Elard

The Testament & Psalms you so kindly gave me are my bosom companion.

So reach me

Pvt. Frank W Commean (2707076)
Headquaters Co
136 Machine Gun Battalion
A P O 763
American E. F. via New York

Answered 5/3/19

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Nov. 15th. 1918

My dear folks

No doubt you are wondering about me now that the war is over and I am thankful to say I am safe and sound.

I have never been so busy in my life, and although I have not sent you many letters, I have certainly thought of you many times. Soon I hope we will all be going home, and I look forward to the time when I see you both again.

Is it not a wonderful blessing the war is over. Nothing in the world would please me more than to be singing with the choir, the anthem

from the Redemption — "lovely appear
over the mountains - the feet of
them that preach and bring
good news of peace."
I hope you are well, and I
hope you have heard from
Stewart, and found him in
the best of health.
This is indeed only a note, but
from now on I hope to be able
to keep more in touch with
my friends, so look out for a
real letter.

Goodnight
As ever
Willard

Dr. Whitehead
Indpls. Ind.

Pvt. 4. W. Corman
Hqs. Co. 136 Machine Gun Bn
American E.F.

"WITH THE COLORS"

YMCA

Camp Lee
Va.

Dear folks.

Well I am here in Camp, after a very long journey down on the train. We left N. Phila at 9.30 AM. Monday morning and never arrived in Camp till about 10 o'clock Tuesday morning.

It is a beautiful place, the second largest in the U.S. and the best equipted, so you see we have the best of everything. It is Sunday afternoon, but you would hardly know it here. I suppose every thing goes in the Army. None of us have been examined from our district, and after that some of us may be transfered, at the present time I am acting as Corporal. It is some job and certainly keeps one on the go.

I certainly appreciate the gifts that were given me. The watch keeps fine

time and is admired by many, and I really don't know what I would do without the razor. " Please thank the folks

Speaking of our food, the chow is good although we have no sugar or milk for our coffee. Today for Sunday dinner we had peas, sweet potatoes, chops (about 2 inches thick) lemonade - ice cream and cake. and it was really good. Our cots are comfortable and we go to bed at 9 o'clock so when we get up at 5:30 the next morning we feel really for our days work.

It's a days work too, for by 9 o'clock we have walked about 10 miles - that is considered a small tramp, but they break us in gradually.

I have charge of the singing of our Co. and that keeps me on the go too. Whenever we are marching on a hike especially, we sing, and these fellows can sing.

Well folks this is a short letter, but I will write more next time, as I have a few more friends I would like to drop a line too. My address is:

Very sincerely Willard

A. Willard Corporal
3 Company
1 Sr training Battalion
155 depot Brigade
Petersburg Camp Lee. Va

Enter into His Gates with Thanksgiving and into His Courts with Praise

Calvary Presbyterian Church

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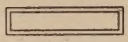

Moderator of Session
Rev. JOHN ARCHIBALD MacCALLUM, D. D.
3925 Walnut Street

Clerk of Session
PETER M. MacLAREN
1001 Chestnut Street

Visitors are made welcome at all times to this Church

SUNDAY, MAY 8, 1921

Eleven o'clock A. M. Four o'clock P. M.

The Order of Service will be found in the Pews

Music at Morning Service—11 o'clock

PRELUDE—"Adagio" - - - - - - - - - - - Guilmant
From 5th Sonata

ANTHEM—"O clap your Hands all ye People" - - - - - Buck

OFFERTORY—"On Thee each living Soul depends" - - - - Haydn
Mrs. Elsa Lyons Cook
Mr. John Hipwell and Mr. Morris Ware

POSTLULE—"Fugue in A minor" - - - - - - - - - - Bach

Sunday School, 2.30 o'clock, in the Parish House

Music at Vesper Service—Commencing at 4 o'clock

PRELUDE—"Adagio Molto" - - - - - - - - - - Tours

ANTHEM—"I saw the Lord, sitting upon a Throne" - - - Cuthbert Harris

OFFERTORY—"To Thee do I lift up my Soul" - - - - - - King Hall

POSTLUDE—"Marche Pontificale" - - - - - - - - Tombelle

Visitors from out of town are cordially invited to worship with us at both services; those resident in the city who are not attached to any church are invited to unite with us both in worship and in work.

Rev. W. Courtland Robinson, D. D., will preach at both services to-day.

May 15: Rev. Paul Dwight Moody, D. D., of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York City.

May 22: Rev. Francis Landey Patton, D. D., L.L. D., Ex-President of Princeton University.

May 29: Rev. Stewart MacMaster Robinson, of Cleveland, Ohio.

The mid-week prayer service at five o'clock on Wednesday afternoon will be conducted by Rev. John Archibald MacCallum, D. D. The members of the congregation are urged to bear this service in mind and to attend as regularly as possible.

The Forty-third Anniversary and Donation Day at the Presbyterian Orphanage, 58th and Chester Avenue, will be held Thursday, May 12, 1921, from 11 A. M. to 8 P. M. Tickets, including lunch or supper, may be purchased for seventy-five cents each from Mrs. David Crozier, 7010 Germantown Avenue, or from Mrs. William J. Elliott, 317 South 17th Street. Chester Avenue cars on Walnut Street pass by the grounds.

On Thursday, May 12th, the 101st anniversary of the birth of Florence Nightingale, National Hospital Day will be observed in 8000 hospitals in 40 states and in Canada. This movement was started by a national committee of hospital administrators and is endorsed by President Harding and the Governors of the States.

Under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society, the Medical Staff, and the Board of Trustees, the Presbyterian Hospital will be open for inspection from two until six on National Hospital Day. A short meeting will be held at three o'clock with five minute addresses by members of the Medical Staff, Social Service Workers, and reports of the Women's Church Committees on the Semi-Centennial Building Fund. Refreshments will be served at four o'clock and nurses will conduct visitors over the Hospital.

One of the objects of this meeting is to increase the interest in the Hospital; all are therefore urged to attend and to bring their friends.

(Kindly keep this for reference)

STATED COLLECTIONS

JANUARY
1st Sunday: Sunday School of the Church.
3rd Sunday: General Board of Education.

FEBRUARY
1st Sunday: Calvary Settlement.
3rd Sunday: General Assembly Apportionment.

MARCH
1st Sunday: Board of Foreign Missions.
3rd Sunday: Presbyterian Home for Aged Couples and Aged Men.

APRIL
1st Sunday: Deacon's Fund.
3rd Sunday: Board of Church Erection.

MAY
1st Sunday: Anniversary of Sunday School.
3rd Sunday: Board of Freedmen.

JUNE
1st Sunday: Board of Publication Missionary Work.

OCTOBER
1st Sunday: Presbyterian Orphanage.
3rd Sunday: Bible Society.

NOVEMBER
1st Sunday: Board of Ministerial Relief and Sustentation.
3rd Sunday: Dorcas Society.

THANKSGIVING DAY
Presbyterian Hospital.

DECEMBER
1st Sunday: Deacons' Fund.
3rd Sunday: Board of Home Missions.

Collections on Sunday mornings, other than those specified above or unless otherwise determined by the Session and so announced, are for the fund for beneficences and for necessary church expenditures for advertising, printing of Calendars, etc.

Afternoon collections, except otherwise specifically provided, are for the Trustees' Fund for maintenance and repair of the church and its buildings.

JOHN D. CLARKE
34TH DIST. NEW YORK

House of Representatives U. S.

Washington, D. C.

July 6, 1921.

Rev. W. C. Robinson,
Delhi, New York.

Dear Friend and Pastor:

Your good letter did me as much good as you assured me my presence in church did you. I do feel that all the aid I can give you, in every way, I should cheerfully give and I want you to feel at liberty to call on me at any time to cooperate. We need just you at the old First.

I have felt since I came into public life that lots of things I did when a private citizen, I have no right to do now, and gradually, thanks to your inspiration and the seeds planted by your venerable father, I hope to merit the "well done". No effort that counts for helpfulness and sunshine for my fellow men has been omitted.

As to my insurgency, you know me well enough to know that I do not believe in pussy-footing, and I do believe in telling people frankly to their face, what I think. I had this pleasure with Mr. Mondell, as did some of the other freshman Congressmen. It did us good to get it off our systems and it did Mr. Mondell good, as well as some of the other older leaders.

With every good wish, I am

Very truly yours,

John D. Clarke

JDC/w

July 19—

DELHI, NEW YORK.

Dear Dr Phisen, Your kind letter
expressing appreciation of the
Cannon Fire Piston Hose
a "Honey Mile of Thanks
from the Cannon family—
Please be assured that
the motion has been made
& Carried—
We are Glad to know

that you find the Miscellany Just to look at and the
Contents useful and amusing — entertaining - is perhaps a better word
words of pleasure appreciation — such as yours, are
always gratefully received —

Again - Thank you —

Yours Sincerely —

Jenny Curtis Cannon —

3408 Race St.
Philadelphia 3/30/20.

My dear Dr. Robinson,

Allow me to thank you for the very kind farewell letter.

I cannot let you go without my saying how more than sorry I am that you find it necessary to go to Delhi.

You have done more for me than any one else, I shall miss you sadly.

I am deeply grateful to you for your many kindnesses. I have and will always remember you in

my prayers.

Hoping Heaven's choicest blessings will always be yours, believe me

Yours sincerely

Mary Cooper.

1001 So. 60th St.
West Phila.

Dear Dr Robinson,

I want to write you a short note to tell you how sorry I was, that I could not attend church on your farewell Sunday. I really intended going but my baby had not been very well and I have had no maid for over two months so it was impossible for

me to be there, of which
I certainly was sorry.
And I can't begin to tell
you how sorry I was to
know of your leaving Northminster
I know I should feel terrible
to think I did not attend
church more often and
I have no excuse to offer.
Of course after my baby came
it was hard for me to come.
But you have both Mr Clarson
and my good wishes for
you and Mrs Robinson and
we may live in hopes
that you some day may
return to Northminster, for
we are going to miss
you a great deal.
Hoping both you and Mrs
Robinson are well, I remain

Sincerely
Mrs A. P. Clarson.

April 4 1920.

659 Newark Avenue, Elizabeth, N.J.

October 14, 1921

My Dear Court:

Yours of the 13th at hand. I am glad to tell you my opinions of the men you mention and to give you my choices for director.

My first choice of all is H.McA. Robinson. I have the greatest confidence in his fidelity to the standards, in his wisdom and in his scholarship. He is the outstanding young man in the Presbyterian church. I consider him in the same class as Speer and with the same promise Speer had in his earlier years and I believe will stay modest and true to what he now is. Of course he has not the public gifts but he has others as valuable to the church and to the seminary.

Eben B. Cobb is one of my dearest friends in the ministry and I have entire confidence in his loyalty to the Reformed Theology. He has no use for the present Auburn type. He is true blue. He is a fine business man also--one of the best I know in the ministry. He is a great-hearted lovable fellow. A little bossy, some think, but I who am usually with him in the city and presbytery problems have never found him unpleasantly so--just the confidence that comes of assurance that he is right and ability to put over what he has in mind. The only question I have about him is a tentative one. He is a great friend of J.R.S. and I wonder what he would do if it came to a decision between the Armstrong, Machen, Hodge type and the Stevenson Erdman type. Those two classes are I know not sharply defined and just now Erdman would probably be more often found working with the first three than with the other man. Maybe you know what I mean. There is a certain type of evangelical that is impatient of too much scholarship. I dont know that Cobb would be among them--I think he would not. But I wonder. On the whole it would give me much pleasure to vote for Cobb for the Board and I think he would make a very valuable member.

The layman to whom you refer is probably Conover English. He is superintendent of Cobb's Sunday School and a very fine man. He a Princeton man of the class of '99, and is a lawyer of standing. He is with the firm of the McCarters in Newark. I do not know of my own experience of his orthodoxy, but I should be surprised if he were not, and I should trust Cobb's say-so on thatbppoint absolutely.

I do not know that facts about Reid Dickson, but I agree with you about his being a liability. I was very sorry that Robinson was not elected at that time and much disappointed.

I should advise having nothing to do with Emmons of Trenton until he is older and more experienced. He is anice chap but I know nothing much that he has done. He seems rather superficial to me and if so he cant last long where he is. Time enough if he makes good, as I hope he will. He is only about 30 years old--maybe 35.

Corum is a good fellow. I do not know enugh of him personally

either to recommend or to knock him.

Clarence

I do not see why we should not have McCartney in mind- again I do not know him personally as you of course do- but he is a strong preacher and is generally wise on church matters and is I believe sound.

I do not think things will run smoothly in the faculty this year. More and more S. is depending on Armstrong to be the real president while he makes plans and announces them and then blithely goes on to other plans which in turn never get beyond the stage of announcement.

I dont know if you realized while you were in Princeton what a piece of work Armie did this summer. He took hold of the treasurer's office and ran it alone from the middle of August until now. Got the finances of the seminary straigtened out and they were in a horrible mess--there were securities which had been LOST, and the office was littered with extraneous baggage. There was no provision made for incoming students and more were coming than we could accommodate. Armstrong worked there until ten o'clock at night for days- handing out blankets to the boys asigning them rooms etc. besides doing the financial work and getting things ship-shape so that a new man can go in there now and find evrything ready to his hand. It seems a miracle to me who have no banking or financial sense.

I have read over what I said above about Cobb--I hope I have not been too afraid of him. I am not. I admire him very much and love him devotedly. We have worked side by side for 11 years and we have only grown more close friends. I should love to see him a director. About the other business (S) perhaps we wont have that problem by the time you get ready to elect. I should have been glad to see Wash and Jeff made happy. The whole thing makes me very sad. I did not favor his choice and never voted for him- but after his election I took the position that we ought to help him in every way to make good. And I did. Never said to him or of him a word to oppose him or to undermine his position- Until last spring when having the goods, I had to show them.

The same thing happened this fall. Hodge told me that if that matter of reorganization of the curriculum to forestall the smelling committee of the Gen Ass came up, that none of the faculty was for it tho S. got his motion through because they did not want to fight him.

Of course the thing came to us as a recommendation from the faculty. It was so only in the most formal sense of the term.

Well goodbye and good luck to you

sincerely